

OCEAN VOYAGE DONE,  
NC-4 TO SKIRT SHORE  
TO PLYMOUTH, ENG.

Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Reed and Crew Showed With Honors When They Arrived at Lisbon Shortly After the Record-Breaking Performance in Flying Across the Atlantic Ocean.

COVERED 900 MILES  
IN 9 HOURS, 43 MIN.

Occupants of the Machine Are Reported to Be in Excellent Physical Condition Despite the Strain They Have Been Under Continuously for Two Weeks.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—No word had reached the navy department this morning as to whether the seaplane NC-4 had left Lisbon on the last leg of the flight from Rockaway, L. I., to Plymouth, England. The last message from Lisbon was received last night and it indicated that Lieutenant-Commander Albert C. Reed would start if weather conditions were favorable.

Officers said communication with Lisbon was exceedingly slow, as was evidenced by the fact that the message reporting the arrival of the NC-4 at the capital of Portugal was delayed several hours.

The NC-4 made the jump of approximately 900 land miles from Ponta Delgada to the landing in Portugal in nine hours and forty-three minutes, or at the rate of slightly more than 90 land miles an hour. Official reports show the flight, which started at 6:18 a. m. (Washington time) ended at 4:01 p. m. (Washington time).

Commander Albert C. Reed and his five companions are reported to be in excellent physical condition despite the strain they have been under continuously for more than two weeks.

Commander Reed had with him on the flight to Lisbon the same crew as that which left Newfoundland on the NC-4 on May 16—Lieutenant E. F. Stone of the coast guard and W. K. Hinton were the pilots, with Ensign R. C. Rodd as radio operator, and Chief Machinist Mate E. S. Rhodes as reserve pilot engineer. The crew was met at Lisbon by most of the members of the crews of the NC-1 and NC-3, who had preceded them on a destroyer.

The Trip in Brief.

The chart of the flight, as shown by reports of the station ship destroyers, helped her along. At times Commander Reed's ship apparently was whirling through the air at a 90-knot clip; again her speed fell off to less than 60, only to pick up again as she reached the zone of influence of other breezes. Probably the machine overtook and passed winds that had stirred the waters about Ponta Delgada the day before, preventing an earlier start.

Following is the brief log of the flight as it was told by the guardian destroyers:

8:20 a. m.—NC-4 left Ponta Delgada for Lisbon at 10:18 G. M. T. to-day (6:18 p. m. Washington time).

8:58 a. m.—NC-4 passed station ship No. 1 at 11:33 G. M. T. Jackson.

8 a. m.—Weather report: Flying conditions good. NC-4 to Lisbon very good. To-day, fair weather and moderate to fresh westerly winds at flying altitude prevail over the entire course with the barometer rising slowly. Weather clearing and wind nearly west. Favorable flying conditions should continue over Wednesday.

9:10 a. m.—NC-4 passed station ship No. 2 at 11:33 G. M. T. Jackson.

10:10 a. m.—NC-4 passed station ship No. 4 at 12:54 G. M. T. Jackson.

11:05 a. m.—NC-4 passed station ship No. 5 at 13:35 G. M. T. Jackson.

NC-4 passed station ship No. 6 at 14:05 G. M. T. Jackson.

Sword, founded by Alfonso V in 1459. It was again remodelled in 1832. It is a general order of military and civil merit and has five classes.

The badge is a five-pointed star in white, on the center of which is imposed a sword surrounded by a laurel wreath and words signifying merit, valor and loyalty. The sword is surrounded by a laurel wreath and words signifying merit, valor and loyalty. The sword is surrounded by a laurel wreath and words signifying merit, valor and loyalty.

CONGRATULATED NC-4 CREW.

Vice Admiral Gieves of Atlantic Fleet Cables Note.

New York, May 28.—Vice Admiral Albert Gieves, commanding the cruiser and transport force of the Atlantic fleet, to-day sent through Admiral Knapp, commanding the American naval forces in Europe, the following cablegram:

"Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Reed, U. S. N., commanding NC-4: The cruiser and transport force congratulate you and your crew on your great achievement which has added another brilliant page to the history of the navy. We remember that your first flight was from the flagship Seattle."

(Signed) "Gieves, Vice Admiral." The Seattle is the flagship of Admiral Gieves.

POLAND SAID TO FEAR A GERMAN ATTACK

Premier Paderewski Declares the Germans Are Active in a Preparatory Way and Might Strike in Several Places.

Paris, May 28.—Fears of a German attack upon Poland were expressed to-day by Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Polish premier, who arrived in Paris from Warsaw last night. He said the Germans were active in a preparatory way and might strike in several places.

The reports of pogroms in Poland were denied by the premier. He declared such reports were purely German propaganda.

With regard to the Ukrainian situation, the premier asserted that the recent fighting was brought on by the Ukrainians, who signed the armistice on May 11 and then attacked the Poles at two places on May 12, forcing the Polish troops to defend themselves.

AWARD OF \$28,000 DAMAGES

For the Death of Her Husband, Fred S. Platt, in Boston & Maine Wreck.

Windsor, May 28.—A verdict for \$28,000 was awarded Mrs. Fred S. Platt yesterday in United States court in her suit against the Boston & Maine railroad for damages for the death of her husband last fall in a wreck at Brattleboro. The jury was out an hour and 15 minutes. The railroad took exceptions, but it is not believed an appeal will be made.

After the verdict had been given at 4:45 o'clock, court took adjournment to June 9, when it meets at Montpelier for criminal cases.

The \$300,000 and the \$7,000 suits against the Canadian Pacific brought by Mrs. Henrietta Prouty, widow of ex-Governor Prouty, who was killed last August when his auto was struck by a train, will be tried at Newport beginning July 8. The case of the chauffeur, James Blay, who was injured, will also come up then. He seeks damages of \$30,000. Mrs. Prouty seeks \$300,000 for the death of her husband, and \$7,000 for the loss of her automobile.

Robert R. Twitcheell of Bellows Falls was yesterday admitted as an attorney to practice before United States court.

DEFIED THE PROSECUTORS.

Henri Landru Told Them to Prove the Charge of Murder.

Paris, May 28 (Havas).—Henri Landru, who was arrested in April in connection with the disappearance of 12 women whom he had either married or promised to marry, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday. He said he did not know anything about the disappearance of the women and declared it was up to the authorities to prove that he had any connection with them.

ORGANIZING 1920 CAMPAIGN.

Democratic National Committee in Session in Chicago.

Chicago, May 28.—The Democratic national committee began a two days' session here to-day, at which plans of organization for the campaign of 1920 were to be mapped out.

Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut, chairman of the national committee, was expected here yesterday to hold preliminary conferences with members of the national committee, but did not arrive until to-day.

Every state was represented at the meeting, either by a member of the committee or by proxy.

After the close of the meeting here Chairman Cummings will begin a two months' tour of the west.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN

Hearing Postponed to Await a Legal Opinion.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Refusal of the House rules committee to act immediately on a request that privileged status be given the proposed repeal of the daylight saving law delayed consideration of the proposal to-day in the House. The committee postponed action until to-morrow, when it will hear the attorney general of New York as to whether the repeal would affect legal contracts in that state.

NEARLY A MILLION RETURNED

From Europe and Almost as Many Still Remain Overseas.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—In the week ended May 20, troop arrivals in the United States totaled 54,519, bringing the grand total of soldiers returned to 906,250. On that date the army strength was estimated at 1,516,725 of whom 840,001 were in Europe, 170,311 at sea en route home, and 464,795 in the United States.

FELL FROM BOAT  
AND DROWNED

Robert Lee, Aged 13, of Northfield, Lost Life in Howe's Pond

TWO YOUNG BROTHERS COULDN'T SAVE HIM

Body Was Recovered Early This Morning; Many Hours After the Accident

Northfield, May 28.—While fishing from a boat in Howe's pond with his two younger brothers, Robert Lee, aged 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Lee, was drowned after falling from the boat, and his body was not recovered until 1 o'clock this morning by Chief of Police Jerry Donahue.

The Howe pond is located on the road to Berlin, not far from the summer camp of James M. Boutwell. Securing a boat, the three boys went out and proceeded to fish, when in some unexplained manner the elder, Robert, fell overboard. The other boys, being considerably younger, could do little to save Robert, although he came to the surface twice.

Later they made their way to shore and gave the alarm. The drowning occurred at about 7 o'clock and searches began as promptly as possible to drag for the body, the search being in vain until early this morning.

Mr. Lee, father of the victim, was away from home at the time, having gone to Springfield.

RUSSIAN REDS DENY LEAVING PETROGRAD

Claim That Reinforcements Sent Out to Meet the Enemy Have Already Driven Them Back.

London, May 28.—A Russian wireless message to-day denies the report that explosions had occurred in Petrograd due to its approaching evacuation. The dispatch declared there is no intention of abandoning the city and that reinforcements already sent to the Gatchina front, south of Petrograd, are succeeding in driving back the enemy.

GEN. ROSENBAUM HOME.

Came on Steamship Santa Paula with 2,213 Troops.

New York, May 28.—The steamship Santa Paula, arriving here to-day from Bordeaux, brought 2,213 troops, including Brigadier General O. B. Rosenbaum, commanding the 153d infantry brigade headquarters, and four other officers and 23 men of the headquarters of this brigade, which is a 78th division unit.

Other troops of the 78th (draft men of northern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York state) comprised the 300th infantry's headquarters and medical detachments, third battalion and Companies B, L, K, L and M, eight officers and 1,166 men, assigned to Camp Dix, Sherman, Upton, Bowie, Dodge, Grant, Funston, Taylor, Devens and Custer. Also on the Santa Paula were one officer and 88 men of battery C, 321st field artillery, 82d (All-American) division, mostly from Camp Dix, Devens and Upton; and 14 officers and 906 men and the 20th engineers assigned to various camps throughout the country.

Fifty-eight officers and 1,066 men of the 89th (Sunflower) division arrived here to-day from Brest on the cruiser Huntington.

The 2,267 officers and men who arrived last night on the transport Edward Luckenbach too late to disembark landed here to-day. The 312d machine gun battalion, the only unit on board which saw action, was under command of Major J. F. Taylor of Pittsburgh, and is composed almost entirely of Pennsylvanians. The battalion fought through the Meuse-Argonne offensive and lost nearly 200 killed and wounded. Colonel T. Mortimer of Washington, D. C., was in command of the 311th field artillery, composed mostly of New Jersey men.

CLAIMS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WESTERNERS

Gov. Carey of Wyoming Charges That War Department Favored Easterners.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 28.—Charges of discrimination in favor of eastern over western soldiers and of unfairness in the dealings of the war department with western men are contained in a letter mailed to-day by Governor Robert D. Carey of Wyoming to Secretary of War Newton D. Baker.

The letter alleges that western men in the 77th division were compelled to parade in New York City against their will, and that New York men were then singled out and immediately discharged from the service, while the western men were held in camp for two weeks.

The governor also wrote to Congressman Mondell asking that Congress conduct an investigation of his charges.

GERMANS WILL PUT IN IMMENSE CLAIM

Versailles, May 28.—The German peace delegation here, it was learned to-day, will present a counter-claim of 12,350,000,000 marks for damage from the allied blockade, as an offset to the reparations demands of the allied powers.

## MUCH GLASS SHATTERED

After Riot in New Haven, Conn., Last Night—Two Boys Hurt By Bullets.

New Haven, Conn., May 28.—The riot of last night was attributed to-day by Major Fitzgerald to bolshevik elements which had taken advantage of a minor clash between some discharged war service men and Yale undergraduates. In a statement the mayor said that he was glad to note that discharged members of the 102d United States infantry of the Yankee division were not a party to the affrays. The college authorities had complete control over the student body, most of whom were held in their dormitories or on the campuses.

Daylight revealed much window glass broken in Yale buildings. Downtown a few stores had shattered panes. Buyers hall and department stores were peppered with stones. In the shaft section several hundred feet of wooden fence around private houses and Van Sheff dormitory was down.

Early to-day most of the police were withdrawn from the college section. At one time officers were across Elm street behind the public library, holding back a crowd of men and boys, many of whom carried clubs.

The police reports show that five persons were hurt aside from partisans, students and service men who were beaten up on the street. Two lads were shot but the wounds were superficial, two students were injured and one ex-soldier received treatment. The police detained about a dozen men.

SPEED IS URGED ON U. S. NAVY PROGRAM

General Board Recommended That Only Slight Changes Be Made in the Plans for Capital Ships.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Rapid completion of the navy's 1916 building program was urged by the general board to-day in a communication presented to the House naval committee by Secretary Daniels.

The board recommended that only slight changes be made in the plans of the capital ships as originally drawn. The board's communication showed that the idea of a new composite ship to take the place of battleships and battle cruisers had been abandoned for the time being at least.

Principle changes in the six battle cruisers authorized in 1916, recommended by the board would give the ships additional protection at the sacrifice of speed. Secretary Daniels told the committee that the board was unable to say much speed would be sacrificed to gain the ends. The ships were designed for 23 knots. The board's communication follows:

"The general board and this conference recommends that the present authorized battleship program be completed as expeditiously as possible on present lines of developments and that future designs of battleships should depend upon further developments in battleship construction."

"The general board and this conference recommends to the secretary of the navy that the six cruisers now authorized be completed as expeditiously as possible, but with additional protection particularly to turrets, conning towers, magazines and communications, at the expense of a small reduction in speed."

VERMONT K. OF C. GROWING.

Membership Increased 25 Per Cent Over Last Year.

Burlington, May 28.—According to the report of State Deputy Thomas B. Wright of Vermont, the Knights of Columbus in this state have increased their membership 25 per cent above last year's figures.

This report, which is read annually at the state convention, was presented to the present convention yesterday afternoon at the New Sherwood in the first formal business meeting of the week.

Mr. Wright also spoke of the war work of the Knights of Columbus, applying to Vermonters for more secretaries for this country and overseas. The regular age for this service is 25 to 45 years, but in some cases these limitations are lifted.

The dinner and ball held last evening at the New Sherwood was one of the greatest social successes of the year. About 150 couples attended, including representatives from every council in the state. State Deputy and Mrs. Thomas B. Wright, Grand Knight and Mrs. E. O. Mitigny, Past Grand Knight and Mrs. Edward B. Corley, Past Grand Knight and Mrs. P. E. McAuliffe, and Mrs. Thomas Wagner, and Mrs. Fred Lynch and the chairman of the ball, Philip J. Branon and sister, Miss Gertrude Branon, were in the receiving line.

DANVILLE HONORS HER SONS.

Celebration Held to Commemorate Service of 52 Men.

St. Johnsbury, May 28.—One thousand people attended the celebration in Danville yesterday, given in honor of the town's soldiers. The celebration started off in the morning with sports and a ball game between the married and single men, the latter winning. At noon a picnic dinner was served, when 700 pounds of maple syrup was consumed. The sugar was served on snow. Five hundred pounds of the sugar were given by George C. Cary of St. Johnsbury.

Danville sent 52 men to the world war. This number included a chaplain, a physician, a lieutenant, several non-commissioned officers. Three were killed, two died in camps in this country, and one was taken prisoner. All but four are in France, and three in the navy were present at yesterday's celebration. Each man was presented a framed certificate, the gift of the town.

The program included selections by the Marshallfield band, addresses by Rev. C. C. Johnson, Rev. E. G. French, Chaplain C. A. Adams, Lieutenant Doole and Capt. C. E. Libbey. The town was gaily decorated with flags and at the close the big assembly was photographed.

RUTH LAW GOING OVER.

That Is, She Will Attempt to Fly Over Atlantic.

Chicago, May 28.—Ruth Law, aviatrix, before leaving for New York to-day, announced that she plans to attempt a trans-Atlantic flight within six weeks. She will use a new Curtiss land biplane equipped with two Curtiss kirkham motors of four hundred horsepower each, and will be accompanied by James Lamont, her mechanic. The machine is now being built for her by the Curtiss company, she says. She expects the United States navy to give her assistance in making the flight. Mr. Law recently returned from the Orient, where she was engaged in flying.

BULLETS MAY  
END HER LIFE

Mrs. Ralph Richardson of Worcester Victim of Accidental Shooting

SON WAS HANDLING DEFECTIVE SHOTGUN

Charge Shattered Bone in Upper Arm and Some Bullets Entered the Breast

The accidental discharge of a shotgun held in the hands of Warren Richardson, aged 15, may cost the life of his mother, Mrs. Ralph Richardson, aged 45, of Worcester, the shooting having taken place at the Richardson home about half a mile out of the village of Worcester this morning. The bullets shattered one arm and some entered the woman's breast. At Heaton hospital, Montpelier, where the woman was taken in Badger's motor ambulance from Barre, the doctor stated early this afternoon that the woman's condition was critical, she being practically pulseless.

The shooting took place shortly after 9 o'clock when the Richardson boy was returning to the house after having started out to shoot a hawk. The weapon is said to have been very defective in that it would discharge sometimes when an attempt was being made to remove the shell from the barrel. It is supposed that the boy was in the act of removing the shell when the weapon was discharged.

Warren was in the yard about two rods from the house and his mother was sitting in a basket chair in the window. The bullets penetrated the glass and struck Mrs. Richardson, the greater part of the pellets entering her arm between the shoulder and elbow, although a few scattering shot entered her body. The flesh was considerably torn besides the bone fracture. Dr. W. R. Harkness of Montpelier was summoned and he ordered the removal of the woman to the hospital in Montpelier.

The Richardson family are respected people of Worcester. There are two other boys beside the lad who was concerned in the accident. State's Attorney E. R. Davis of Barre was notified of the affair and he and Deputy Sheriff H. C. Lawson made an investigation.

ST. ALBANS HACKMAN DIED ON HIS TEAM

Was Driving Along Street This Morning When It Was Noticed That His Head Fell Forward—An Examination Showed He Was Dead.

St. Albans, May 28.—Herbert W. Stearns, for 25 years a hackman in this city, dropped dead to-day while driving his hack along North Main street. Persons on the street noticed that his head fell forward on his breast and on investigation they called a doctor, who pronounced that the man had died of embolism of the heart.

Mr. Stearns was 47 years of age on April 10, and he leaves his wife and one son and a brother, Arthur E. Stearns, who has just returned from overseas duty and is now at Camp Merritt, N. J.

NO PROMISE OF RELIEF

For Barre and Montpelier Subscribers to Inter-city Tolls.

Sugar with which to coat the acid pill prepared by the New England Telephone & Telegraph company for its Barre and Montpelier customers was brought to this city last evening by Supt. J. F. Hall of Rutland and Mr. H. Gowerdy of the capital and served to a representative group of inter-city citizens assembled in the manufacturers' hall.

It was far from being a love feast, for the telephone representatives were the targets for the concentrated fire of various business and professional interests sadly affected by the recent removal of the commercial rate between the two cities and the substitution of a five-cent charge for every call. The meeting was called to order by N. D. Phelps, a member of the advisory board for eastern Vermont, and among the impromptu speakers who followed the telephone men were representatives of the Barre and Montpelier Boards of Trade and the Granite Manufacturers' association.

Former Senator Harry Daniels a few hours before bade adieu to his cows and chickens, woolen mills and farm mortgages in the East and North Montpeliers, tucked his wallet in his vest pocket and journeyed down to Barre to help rout the telephone people. His frequent cross examination exposed some of the least tenable arguments of the telephone company, albeit his sharp thrusts, well pointed with humor, kept the conference chuckling. It seems that Mr. Daniels, sharing the general confusion of telephone subscribers nowadays, learned for the first time just what kind of service he is paying for. In the course of the hearing he developed that Mr. Daniels will have to move his telephone instrument into his sugarhouse in order to benefit by the service available in the Montpelier zone, so called. The sugarhouse is the only building on the Daniels property that comes within the zone.

Various stop-gaps, such as foreign service, measured service, etc., were interestingly discussed by Messrs. Hall and Gowerdy. By them it was admitted that the New England Telephone & Telegraph company contemplated a change in the system of inter-city service before the government made the change mandatory. It came out incidentally that the inter-city calls have fallen off amazingly since the new rate became effective. Subscribers present, in discussing the general aspects of the system, were unanimous in declaring that the service provided by the Barre exchange was decidedly superior to that of the Montpelier exchange. Mr. Gowerdy believed that the difference might be due in part to the longer experience of the Barre "hello" girls. He said that any average wait in excess of four seconds for a response from central should be described as poor service.

During the evening it came out that many subscribers, especially in the rural district, have lately interested themselves a good deal in the service of the Orange County line. After last night's hearing there is no reason for hoping for relief from the new conditions, unless a much proposed inter-city company is formed.

## SHALL BARRE ERECT SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL?

Question Will Be Placed Squarely Before the Voters at City Meeting Thursday Evening—Other Important Matters to Come Up.

Some important matters are to come before the citizens of Barre at a meeting at the opera house to-night, the most notable of which is, perhaps, a decision whether a soldiers' and sailors' memorial shall be erected and, if so, shall the city's credit be pledged to pay the cost?

This matter of a soldiers and sailors' memorial has been considered carefully for several months and architects of considerable renown have been consulted. As already announced, the Barre quarry owners almost without exception have voted \$10,000 for a fitting design for the memorial and it is left to the citizens of Barre to furnish the remainder of the amount needed. The committee of citizens which has been working out the proposition thinks that \$50,000 over and above the cost of the design will be needed to make a suitable memorial in Barre granite, and the committee will go before the voters to-morrow night with the proposal that the city issue its notes or bonds to that amount, payable \$12,000 annually over a period of five years. The matter will thus be put squarely up to the voters in the city meeting.

Another article in the warning is to see whether the citizens will vote to refund bonds falling due before Jan. 1, 1920, which cannot be met by the money in the sinking funds or the general fund. The financial situation is explained in another column. Refunding bonds of approximately \$37,000 will be asked for.

Still another important matter is to see if the city will vote to issue its notes or bonds in anticipation of this year's taxes in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in order to meet the current expenses, and the same to be paid for from the receipts of this year's taxes. This action is sought by the city council because the expenses have been running far ahead this year of the amounts paid last year. Some of the items of added expense are pointed out as follows: The charity department has expended \$1,000 more, the schools between \$4,000 and \$5,000 more, the interest \$1,000 more, the fire department \$800 more and so on down through a list of smaller sums. So the council asks for authority to issue notes or bonds in anticipation of taxes.

The evening drawing school will come in for its share of attention by the voters, the proposition being to see if the citizens will vote to maintain the school another year.

Taken all in all, there promises to be enough of interest to call out a big crowd of voters—opera house, Thursday evening, May 29, 7:30 o'clock.

FUNERAL OF D. R. BRADBURY

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon, with Burial at Washington.

The funeral of David R. Bradbury, who passed away Saturday afternoon of heart trouble, was held from his late home, 123 Washington street, yesterday at 1 o'clock p. m. A large gathering of friends included many from Washington, where he spent most of his life. Rev. Paul Weller, pastor of the Universalist church of Washington, officiated. Two selections by Fred Inglis were "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The body was taken to Washington in Whitcomb's motor ambulance, the remainder of the party also following by auto, where burial took place in the family lot. A short committal service was held at the grave and here also were assembled many of Mr. Bradbury's close friends who could not come to Barre to pay their respects. The bearers were all closely associated with Mr. Bradbury and were Charles Emery, George Huntington, Charles Huntington and Israel Wood, all of Washington.

There were many beautiful floral tributes among which were: Pillow of roses, wife and children; wreath of red roses and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Bradbury of Independence, Kan.; spray of roses, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bishop and Ruth; pink carnations, Washington grange; violets, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradbury and Lillian; spray of jonquils, Mrs. Ida Currier; carnations, Mrs. W. L. Wheaton, Mrs. H. B. Darling, Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bradbury, Mrs. J. B. Lumsden, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Patch, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. King, W. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Walker, Mr. C. H. Brown, W. H. Goodfellow and Frank Bartlett.

Among those from out of town who attended were Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Patch and Mrs. John Lumsden of Greensboro, Mrs. Mabel Walker of Concord, N. H., a sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown of Chelsea.

FELL WHEN BRACKET GAVE WAY.

Three of Four Men on Staging More or Less Injured.

At the Frank Ladd farm in Orange four men, Clyde Rogers, Harvey Partridge, A. C. Coleman, all of Barre, and Mr. Ladd suffered somewhat from a 16-foot drop yesterday afternoon at 1:15. Mr. Partridge received the most serious injuries, for Dr. E. H. Bailey of Graniteville, who made the trip by automobile from his home to the place of the accident in 20 minutes, believes two ribs are broken near the back bone. The accident was caused by a defective bracket erected to support a staging about the barn, which was being painted and clapped-boarded.

Mr. Partridge struck upon his back on a paint pail, driving the pail part way into the ground. Mr. Rogers suffered a bruised left side when he landed upon a small protruding stake. Mr. Ladd broke his knee. Mr. Coleman prevented his fall by hanging to an extended board and was the only one who was not hurt in any way. In spite of his injuries, Mr. Partridge drove his car home.

PROTESTS BANANA PRICE.

Representative Fitzgerald of Massachusetts Says It Is Outrage.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—The high cost of bananas was assailed yesterday in the House by Representative Fitzgerald of Massachusetts, who declared the present price of 50 to 60 cents a dozen was a "rank outrage, due to the monopolistic control of importation by the United Fruit company."

Mr. Fitzgerald said the price had more than trebled in two years despite record crops in South and Central America.

"The answers to this," he declared, "the company is paying dividends of \$40 a year on stock, the par value of which is \$100."

## PAY UP \$75,000 OF CITY DEBT

Completing Payment for Xer System, Bolster and Martin Additions

SINKING FUND TAPPED FOR THE PURPOSE

Bonds for \$57,500 Must Be Retired July and a Part Must Be Refunded

The municipality of Barre made a sizeable slash into the sinking fund last night and retired a large chunk of the city's water bonds coming due June 1, next. The exact amount of the debt paid was \$70,000, of which \$65,000 was taken from the sinking fund and \$5,000 from the general fund. This completes the retirement of the bonds issued for the purchase price of the old water system and the construction of the Bolster and Martin water system, \$100,000 of the cost of the two projects having previously been retired by annual payments from the current funds.

In order to meet these bonded obligations the city has been building a sinking fund, which had reached \$108,681. Taking the \$65,000 from that sinking fund leaves a balance of approximately \$43,681, which under ordinary circumstances would be considered a sizeable foundation on which to begin rebuilding a part of the city's visible credit. Unfortunately, however, there comes due on July 1 the sum of \$57,500 city refunding bonds, which were issued as far back as the time shortly after the separation of the city and the town. If the entire amount in the city sinking fund and the water department sinking fund, the latter of \$67,510.95, is used, that would leave a balance on the \$57,500 refunding bonds still to be met. In addition to that, too, will be an obligation of \$25,000 spent in fire protection improvements and coming due on Aug. 1, next. Roughly speaking, therefore, the sum of \$57,50